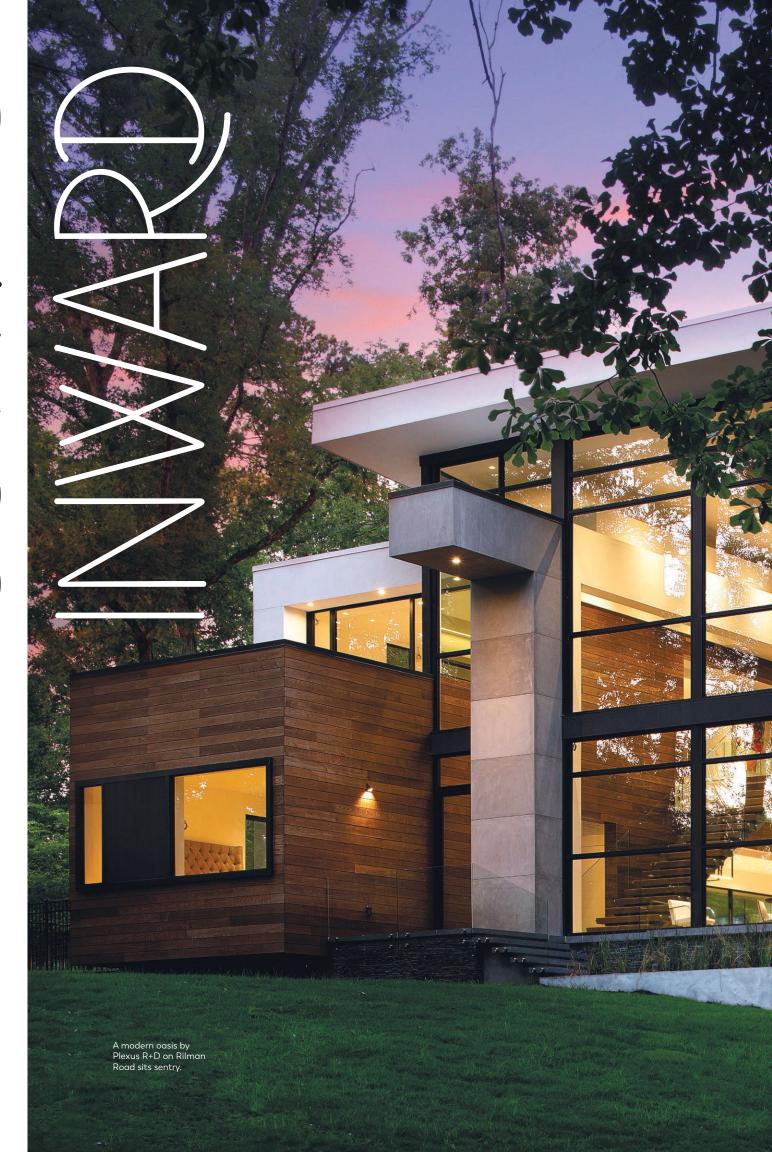


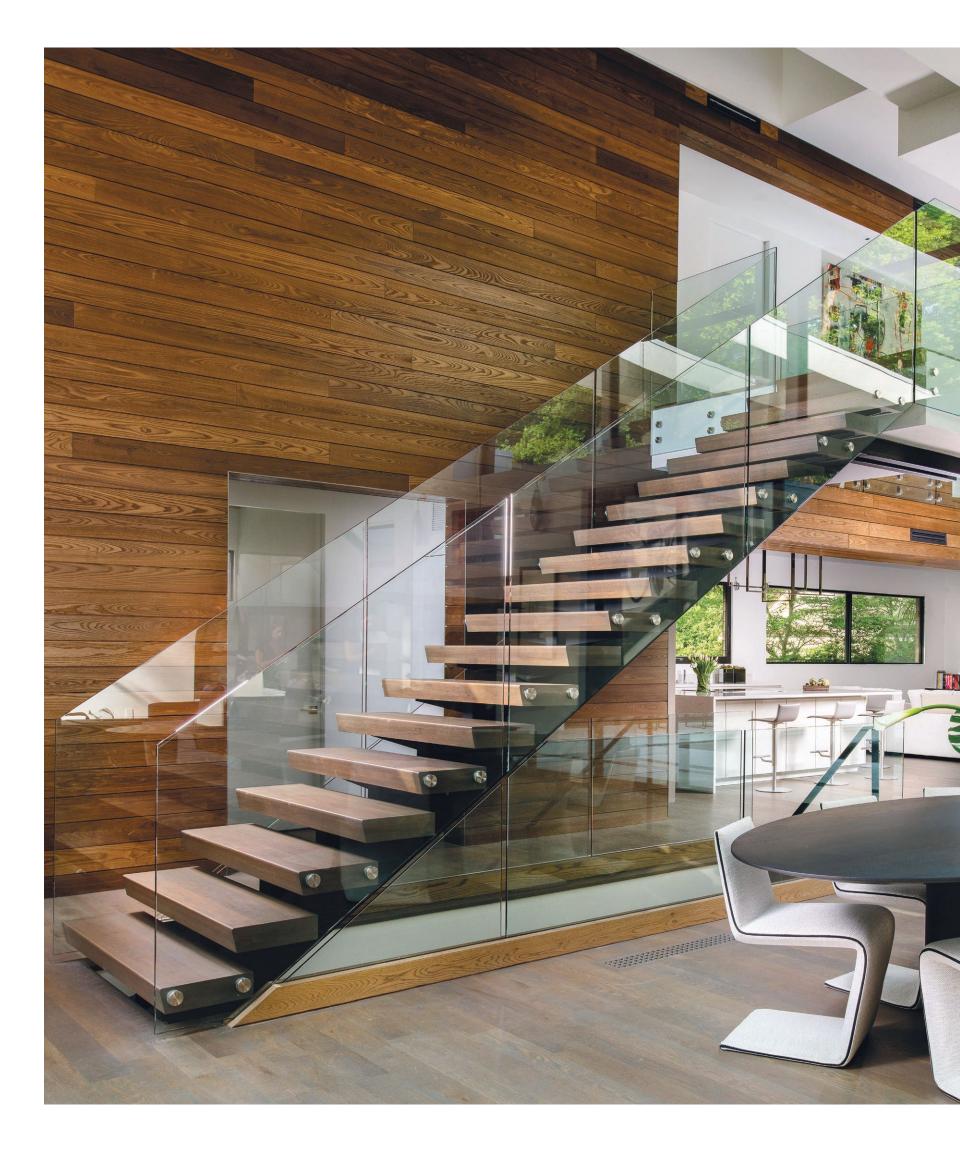
FEATURES 110-**Looking Inward** A stunning modern design in the heart of Buckhead comes together thanks to Plexus R+D. Stewards of Style A designer and his husband revamped a classic 1960s home into a stunning expression of modernism. The Committee These Atlanta 126 tastemakers represent the best in the design industry, and we are honored to welcome them as part of our Modern Luxury Interiors Atlanta Committee. 132 Green With Envy From eco-friendly design to lustworthy landscapes, these projects will leave you wanting to take it outside.

A stunning modern design in the heart of Buckhead comes together thanks to Plexus R+D.

By Lauren Finney Harden Photographed by Galina Juliana Photography











nown for a range of clients including Bartaco, Cruz & Associates and Delia's Chicken Sausage Stand, Plexus R+D captures attention on an international stage. But working on projects right here at home—one of which is a private residence created for a couple they met during—what else—the Design is Human Atlanta modern architecture tour put on by MA!—gives the team just as much pleasure.

Says Jordan Williams, a principal of Plexus R+D, "The client visited a house in Ansley Park during a modern architecture tour. We met them in the house during the tour and gave them a personal tour. Within a week or two, they called and wanted to work together. The whole tour format helped connect us." With the stamp of approval—plus an up-close-and-personal view of what the firm can produce—it was go time.

The starting point was uniquely different from the toured home. "The clients really liked the idea that the first house [they had toured] looked almost like it was communing with nature, rather than addressing the street like a normal house would in a suburb," says Williams. "The project was established on similar ideas, but it wasn't as large of a piece of property. We couldn't push the house back far enough to give it that sense of separation and seclusion. We developed more of a sectional separation and then created an emphasis on the interior pool courtyard," he says. "In all





that series of public spaces and created more of a linear sequence that wrapped around the courtyard and pool."

The team took their time, not only because the home was large and complex, but "because we care a lot and spend as much time as we can designing," he says. "We do a computer model that's a virtual replica of the house so the owner can see the spaces inside and out; we source the best materials that meet the client's budget. And," he says with a laugh, "permitting in the city of Atlanta is a challenge."

Modern design, as striking as it is here, comes with challenges, which the firm was ready to hit head-on. "On traditional houses, I don't even think they look at drawings," says Williams. "But on modern homes with steel structures, they treat it more like a commercial project. The permitting can take four or five months, easily."

Other challenges arose with sourcing. As opposed to other places where modern is more common, resources are less available here. "For example, we have some flat block the same panel as the exterior, and that's not a very common thing in residential construction. I can't think of any other than this one that I've seen. That required commercial subcontractors and helping the general contractor find the trades capable of executing the work, as well as dealing with vendors across the country to measure and deliver in the expected way."





The home also evolved as the process went on, with Williams acknowledging that part of their process is to be a design think tank. "We're open to anyone in the office at any given time walking up and looking at what we're doing and saying, 'Hey, I have a better idea.' We challenge the idea that a project is created solely by one author, and welcome feedback as much as possible."

Four years later, the homeowners were able to move into their brand-new, mindfully designed home. Furniture is almost exclusively from Minotti, which outfitted the homeowners' previous home, with other modern brands like Porcelanosa and Hansgrohe in heavy rotation. A kitchen from Poggenpohl adds quiet elegance. For Plexus R+D, it was a labor of love, but for these homeowners, it's a unique respite. •

DESIGN DETAILS

RESIDENCE

Single-family home

LOCATION

Buckhead

DESIGNER AND ARCHITECT

Plexus R+D plexus-rd.com

BUILDER

Principle Builders Group principlebuildersgroup.com

PORCELANOSA

Flooring specialty tile in Mutina, master bathroom tub porcelanosa-usa.com

MINOTTI BY HA MODERN

Furniture, lighting and rugs throughout minotti.com; hamodern.com

HANSGROHE

Axor Starck organic bathroom fixtures hansgrohe-usa.com

POGGENPOHL

Kitchen poggenpohl.com